



Hi

My name's Fiona Power and I live in the property that lies directly to the East of this proposed development with my family, including our disabled daughter. She needs privacy as she doesn't understand issues such as the need to close curtains at night when she gets changed. It's the main reason why we purchased this very private house in 2012.

This application was initially for single story properties along our boundary, "for reasons of privacy" as stated in the pre app responses from the developer. However, this was amended to 5 x two-story houses with pitched roofs in 2019. The LDP informatives for this site clearly state that any development should be 'preferably low lying', but 25 two story properties out of 31 doesn't constitute low lying.

Amenity considers issues of Privacy, Visual impact, and impact on quality of life, yet the report summarises that as these properties are 10m away from our boundary, our amenity hasn't been affected.

Our amenity will be massively affected!

And how can someone who has never visited our property advise you that the impact on our amenity is acceptable?

34 windows will be overlooking us, plus 7 gardens and 2 parking spaces where we currently have none!! This is a clear breach of our Human Rights in respect of the right to peaceful enjoyment of property.

We also have serious concerns regarding the distance of Plot 28 from our Western elevation, which should be a minimum of 20m away from our house due to the 2m+ height differential and is currently almost 5 metres too close, as advised by an architect, and in-line with the Swansea Residential design Guide.

This property sits right on the boundary and in May '20, windows were added from the living room that will look directly over our property, especially in Winter when our hedgerow loses its leaves.

This report also states that the vegetation between the site and our access, (i.e. our hedgerow) will be removed, as per a Highways requirement (p143). If this scheme has been designed around this removal, then it needs to be redesigned.

The Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment dated Nov '19 contains a section that relates to the impact of this proposed development on local residents. This section discusses the impacts of residents in Gorseinon, Gowerton and Waunarlwydd, and around the M4 corridor, and obviously has nothing to do with this location!! This report does not contain any information on the impacts of local residents who live near this proposed development, and yet no-one has noticed this enormous error!!

It is therefore clear that no-one has actually read the LVIA properly, despite the following statement that **“the Council’s Landscape Officer has considered the information in full and considered that the LVIA has been professionally assessed according to best practice and there are no adverse issues with the methodology, observations or conclusions that have been reached”**.

How can this Committee be sure that the recommendation to support this application is sound when reports haven’t been read, the site hasn’t been visited, to assess the impacts on our amenity, and no-one has had the opportunity to view adequate visualisations of the proposed development, despite repeated requests by NRW?

We also have serious concerns regarding the safety of any development at a site that has a known history of sinkholes & land instability. Any ground movement could have a catastrophic impact on the safety of my family and our home, and we will hold Swansea Council fully responsible.

In addition, the proposed 1.8m close-boarded fence in front of our 100m hedgerow will cause serious damage to this important hedgerow.

We have raised these concerns and many more repeatedly throughout the planning process but nothing has been addressed. We certainly do not feel that we have been part of the decision making process.

I ask you to refuse this application.

Thank you